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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY'S LAW AND POLICY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL
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1. CURRENTLY BULGARIAN HAS NO LAW COVERING INTERNATIONAL OR NATIONAL TERRORISM. UNDERSTAND GOB IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING SUPPLEMENTING ITS CRIMINAL CODE TO COVER SUCH ACTS BUT DETAILS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. CHAPTER 11 ARTICLE 340 OF CRIMINAL CODE STATES THAT "ANYONE WHO DAMAGES RAILWAY CARS, AIRPLANES OR OTHER TRANSPORT VEHICLES SHALL BE SENTENCED TO FROM 5 TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT".

2. POLICY WISE GOB MAINTAINS IT IS AGAINST ALL VIOLENCE, HOWEVER, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES VIOLENCE CAN BE UNDERSTOOD. THIS ATTITUDE APPLIES, IN GENERAL, TO VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY THOSE SUPPOSEDLY SUPPORTING THE ARAB CAUSE. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM HAS BEEN COMMITTED IN BULGARIA.

3. BULGARIA IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS CONCERNED WITH TERRORISM (PRESUME TEXTS ALREADY AVAILABLE IN DEPT):

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A) 1970 HAGUE CONVENTION FOR SUPPRESSION OF

UNLAWFUL SEIZURE OF AIRCRAFT:

B) 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION
OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF CIVIL AVIATION; AND

C) 1973 UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION
AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PRO-
TECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC AGENTS.

4. UPON COMING IN FORCE, THE ABOVE CONVENTIONS WERE
PUBLISHED IN THE BULGARIAN OFFICIAL GAZETTE WITHOUT FUR-
THER PUBLICITY.
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